

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Re: Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

In re Application of: L. John Teuscher, et al.
Serial No.: 10/037,443
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For: Medical Connector

Group Art Unit: 3679
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1. ☒ **NOTICE OF APPEAL:** Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.191, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated August 16, 2004 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-9 and 11-18.
2. ☐ **BRIEF** on appeal in this application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.192 is transmitted herewith in triplicate.
3. ☐ An **ORAL HEARING** is respectfully requested under 37 CFR 1.194 (due within one month after Examiner's Answer).
4. ☐ Reply Brief under 37 CFR 1.193(b) is transmitted herewith in triplicate.
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